

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the Specification by making the following changes in the paragraph entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE," on page 1 of the Specification:

**CROSS-REFERENCE**

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,632 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1751~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CORE SCHEMA FOR PROVIDING A TOP-LEVEL STRUCTURE FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM", which application issued on May 5, 2009, as U.S. Patent No. 7,529,811, the contents of which is herein incorporated by reference.

[0002] This application is also related by subject matter to the inventions disclosed in the following commonly assigned applications, the contents of which are also herein incorporated by reference: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/647,058 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1748~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REPRESENTING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM BUT INDEPENDENT OF PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION," which application was abandoned on October 19, 2011; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,941 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1749~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SEPARATING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM FROM THEIR PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION," which application issued on June 30, 2009, as U.S. Patent No. 7,555,497; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,940 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1750~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A BASE SCHEMA FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM," which application issued on June 15, 2010, as U.S. Patent No. 7,739,316; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,645 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1752~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND

METHOD FOR REPRESENTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM,” which application issued on January 27, 2009, as U.S. Patent No. 7,483,915; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,575 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2733~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled “SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INTERFACING APPLICATION PROGRAMS WITH AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM”; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,646 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2734~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled “STORAGE PLATFORM FOR ORGANIZING, SEARCHING, AND SHARING DATA,” which application issued on March 25, 2008, as U.S. Patent No. 7,349,913; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,580 (~~Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2735~~), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled “SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DATA MODELING IN AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM,” which application issued on September 23, 2008, as U.S. Patent No. 7,428,546; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/692,515 (not yet assigned) (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2844), filed on ~~even date herewith~~ October 24, 2003, entitled “SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES FOR UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM,” which application issued on June 22, 2010, as U.S. Patent No. 7,743,019; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/692,508 (not yet assigned) (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2845), filed on ~~even date herewith~~ October 24, 2003, entitled “SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING RELATIONAL AND HIERARCHICAL SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES FOR UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM,” which application issued on January 27, 2009, as U.S. Patent No. 7,483,923; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/693,362 (not yet assigned) (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2846), filed on even date herewith, entitled “SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SYNCHRONIZATION SCHEMAS FOR UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM”; and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/693,574 (not yet assigned) (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2847), filed on ~~even date herewith~~ October 24, 2003, entitled “SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR EXTENSIONS AND INHERITANCE FOR UNITS OF INFORMATION

MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM,” which  
application issued on September 15, 2009, as U.S. Patent No. 7,590,643.